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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 11 and 12 are withdrawn, without prejudice. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (original) A wine rack for attachment to a wall, comprising:
- a first frame element for attachment to the wall;
- a first support member extending perpendicularly from the first frame element, the first support member having a recess portion for supporting a first portion of a wine bottle;
 - a second frame element for attachment to a wall; and
- a second support member extending perpendicularly from the second frame element, the second support member having a recess portion for supporting a second portion of a wine bottle.
 - 2. (original) The wine rack of claim 1,

wherein the first support element further comprises a second recess portion for supporting a first portion of a second wine bottle; and

wherein the second support element further comprises a second recess portion for supporting a second portion of a second wine bottle.

3. (original) The wine rack of claim 1,

wherein the first support element further comprises a third recess portion for supporting a first portion of a third wine bottle; and

wherein the second support element further comprises a third recess portion for supporting a second portion of a third wine bottle.

- 4. (original) The wine rack of claim 3, wherein the first, second and third frame elements are steel rods.
- 5. (original) The wine rack of claim 4, wherein the first and second frame elements are positioned in a parallel relation to each other.
 - 6. (original) A wine rack for mounting on a wall surface, comprising:

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a first pair of support members for supporting at least a first and a second wine bottle in a substantially parallel relation to the wall, wherein the second bottle is positionable proximate the wall, and wherein the label of the first wine bottle is visible to a person standing in front of the wine rack; and

a second pair of support members for supporting at least a third and a fourth wine bottle in a substantially parallel relation to the wall, wherein the fourth bottle is positionable proximate the wall, and wherein the label of the third wine bottle is visible to the person standing in front of the wine rack.

- 7. (original) The wine rack of claim 6, wherein the first pair of support members extends perpendicularly relative to the wall surface, each of said first pair of support members having a first recess for supporting a portion of the first wine bottle and a second recess for supporting a portion of the second wine bottle.
- 8. (original) The wine rack of claim 6, wherein the second pair of support members extends perpendicularly relative to the wall surface, each of said second support members having a first recess for supporting a portion of the third wine bottle and a second recess for supporting a portion of the fourth wine bottle.
- 9. (original) A support member for a wine rack having a vertically oriented frame portion, comprising:

a first end adapted to be attached in a perpendicular orientation to the vertically oriented frame portion;

a shaft portion extending from the first end; and

a recess portion for supporting a portion of a wine bottle, the recess portion having a downwardly sloped portion and an upwardly shaped portion, the downwardly shaped portion being coupled with the shaft portion.

- 10. (original) The support member of claim 9, wherein the support member is a steel rod.
- 11. (withdrawn) The support member of claim 9, wherein the recess portion supports a portion of a neck of a wine bottle.
- 12. (withdrawn) The support member of claim 9, wherein the recess portion supports a portion of a body of a wine bottle.

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- 13. (original) The support member of claim 9, wherein the support member has a round cross section.
- 14. (original) The support member of claim 9, further comprising: an end portion coupled with the upwardly shaped portion of the recess, wherein the end portion terminates on a distal end with an upwardly extending tip.
- 15. (original) The support member of claim 9, further comprising: an intermediate portion having a first end and a second end, the first end coupled with the upwardly shaped portion of the recess portion; and

a second recess portion having a downwardly sloped portion and an upwardly shaped portion, the downwardly shaped portion being coupled with the second end of the intermediate portion.

- 16. (original) The support member of claim 15, further comprising: an end portion coupled with the upwardly shaped portion of the second recess, wherein the end portion terminates on a distal end with an upwardly extending tip.
- 17. (original) The support member of claim 15, further comprising: a second intermediate portion having a first end and a second end, the first end coupled with the upwardly shaped portion of the second recess portion; and

a third recess portion having a downwardly sloped portion and an upwardly shaped portion, the downwardly shaped portion being coupled with the second end of the second intermediate portion.

- 18. (original) The support member of claim 17, further comprising: an end portion coupled with the upwardly shaped portion of the third recess, wherein the end portion terminates on a distal end with an upwardly extending tip.
- 19. (original) The support member of claim 17, wherein the first, second and third recess portions each support a portion of a neck of a first, second, and third wine bottle.
- 20. (original) The support member of claim 17, wherein the first, second and third recess portions each support a portion of a body of a first, second, and third wine bottle.